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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL FORSCOM DOCs

SUBJECT: Contracting Information Letter (CIL) #01-24, Contractor Manpower Reporting Requirements (32 Code of Federal Regulations 668)

- 1. Reference e-mail HQ, FORSCOM, Ms. Carol Lowman, 22 June 2001, SAB.
- 2. This CIL forwards Memorandum SAAL-ZP, 26 Jun2 2001, SAB, (enclosure 1) from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA(AL&T)). The memorandum informs contracting officers to discontinue use of the draft Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (AFARS) clause, "Reporting of Contractor Manpower Data Elements." It also informs them to notify contractors of existing contracts that contain the clause, that they need not submit reports due to the removal of the Rule and OMB's intent to cancel the Army's authority for data collection. This memorandum also lends clarity to the referenced e-mail.

Questions regarding this subject should be directed to the point of contact,
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SUBJECT: Contractor Manpower Reporting Requirements (32 Code of Federal Regulations 668)

The Director of Defense Procurement requested on May 5, 2001, that the Army discontinue use of the draft Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement clause "Reporting of Contractor Manpower Data Elements" until proper approval is obtained in accordance with Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement 201.304 (either a valid deviation authority or a separate rule-making process through the Federal Register (FR)).

On May 21, 2001, the Army asked the Director, Defense Procurement to grant deviation authority to allow the Army's continued use of the clause until December 2001, to provide sufficient time for data collection and analysis consistent with the Acting Secretary of the Army's decision memorandum dated April 23, 2001.

The Director of Defense Procurement, by memorandum dated June 5, 2001, denied the Army's request for authority to continue using the AFARS clause on an interim basis. In a separate issue, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requested that the Department of Defense withdraw the final rule published in the FR at 65 FR 81357-81362, December 26, 2000, because they found that the final rule differed significantly from that announced in the interim rule without adequate public notice as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act. As a result of the OMB request, the Department of Defense Clearance Office has requested, by memorandum dated June 13, 2001, that the Army withdraw the rule by federal register notice. The Army intends to comply with this direction.

The FR notice will announce a "removal" of the Final Rule published December 26, 2000 (65 FR 81357), which superseded the Interim Rule, published March 15, 2000 (65 FR 13906). Once this notice is published, the OMB has stated it intends to rescind the Paperwork Reduction Act authority for the collection of the data under the rule at 32 CFR 668, which means that the Army will no longer be able to enforce the "data collection" and reporting requirement already in contracts.



Based on the foregoing, Army Heads of Contracting Activities and contracting officers are directed to immediately suspend use of the draft AFARS provision "Reporting of Contract Manpower Data Elements" or any similar requirements language, in new solicitations and contract actions. As for existing contracts containing this requirement, contracting officers are further directed to notify such contractors in writing that they need not submit reports due to the removal of the Rule and the expressed OMB intent to cancel Army authority for the data collection. Any actual modification of such contracts to formally eliminate the requirement must take into account such issues as consideration and best interest of the Government on a case-by-case basis.

The Headquarters, Department of the Army, in coordination with counterparts in the Office, Secretary of Defense, will attempt to resolve the various technical and substantive issues and concerns associated with this data collection as soon as possible. Although I apologize for the confusion and inconvenience this has caused currently and over the last year, I am assured that significant benefit will accrue to the Army for the extensive effort that went into the reporting of well over \$9 billion in Fiscal Year 2000/01 contract actions by over 1,200 contractors under difficult circumstances.

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